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For: CERAMICS HONEYCOMB STRUCTURAL BODY AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE STRUCTURAL BODY

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- ☒ 4. An English language Abstract of the non-English language reference 3 is attached hereto.

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	3	JP A 2001-31465 w/abstr. + trans.	02/06/2001	Japan		

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